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ATHLETIC SPORTS.

SPORTS OF THE EASTERN COUNTIES CRICKET CLUB.

The fourth anniversary of the members of this popular club was celebrated on Monday, on the Cricket Ground, Stratford. The attendance was great, owing to the exceedingly fine weather. There was a reported gross income, and a great start effected. The whole of the proceedings were under the management of Mr. W. Arnold, the referee was Mr. H. W. Davis (President of the Club); starter, Mr. J. Ballcock. Everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner possible, and elicited the repeated applause of the bystanders. We append the several issues, with regard to each item of the sport:—

Throwing the ball (First Eleven).—Simpson, 1, 84 yds 2 ft; Owens, 2, 82 yds 1 ft.

Long jump.—Kendall, 1, 14 ft 11 in.; Blaz, 14 ft 8 in., second.

Throwing the ball (Heat of Club).—Darcy, 1, 82 yds 1 ft; Cocks, 82 yds, second.

Hurdle race (350 yds).—Adams (10); 1; Vidson (20); 2; Randall (25); 3; won by six yds.

120 Yds Handicap.—First heat: Harrison (3); 1; Chamberlain (6); 2. Won by a couple of yds. Second heat: Cook (9); 1; Roberts (9); 2. Won by half a yard. Third heat: A dead heat between Cook, Chamberlain, and Harrison. This trio ran off, when Cook defeated Chamberlain by half a yard.

Hurdle Race.—Adams (15 yds); 1; Brown (30); 2; Harrison (10); 3. Won by five yds.

100 Yds Handicap.—Day (100 yds); 1; Payne (15); 2. The race lay between the pair. Won by half a yard.

High Jump.—Adams, 1, 4 ft 6 in.; Randall, 2, 4 ft 7 in.

Wheelbarrow Race, 100 yds. Blundell (1); 1; Roberts (2); 2.

Half Mile Handicap.—Adams (100); 1; Simpson (20); 2; Clarke (50); 3. Won easily.

150 Yds Handicap (open to the Artillery only).—T. Ward (scotch); 1; Lesham (10); 2; Ward (7); 3.

120 Yds Handicap.—The race occupied by the two yds. 1; dead heat between Owen and Adams for second place.

200 Yds Race (for 3rd Essex Artillery in full marching order).—Gunner Harrison (3); 1; Gunner Woolcot (15); 2. Won easily.

Sack Race.—Roberts (10); 1; Adams (20); 2. Won easily.

Mr. Cox was adjudged to have won the prize for the neatest costume, and the proceedings then terminated.

PRESENTATION AND ERECTION OF A GYMNASIUM IN THE LOCKE PARK, BARNESLEY.

An extensive gymnasium was dedicated to the public of Barnesley, on Monday last, in the presence of several thousand persons. The expense of the gymnasium has been paid by the committee of the Barnesley Penny Reading Society, the site of which has been reserved for a series of readings given by Barnesley amateurs in the last winter season. Application for permission to erect the gymnasium, was made a short time ago to the Barnesley Local Board of Health, who are trustees of the property, and the permission was granted. The gymnasium is 200 yds square, and situated on the east side of the park, where it affords beautiful sport and recreation to the artisans of the great mining and manufacturing district of Barnesley. It also commands a view of the country for many miles round. T. Dale, Esq., addressed the immense crowd of persons assembled at great length upon the use, cost, &c., of the gymnasium, and then declared it to be the property of the public of Barnesley. This was the signal for loud and prolonged cheers, again and again vociferously repeated. The band of the 37th West York Rifle Volunteers (Barnesley troop), was present on the occasion, and played some of the most choice selections of music of the day, under the leadership of Mr. George Wray, the trumpeter of the corps.

GRANGEMOUTH.—REGATTA AND SCOTTISH GAMES.

The second annual celebration of these sports took place at Grangemouth on Friday, and the port for the day was the scene of the greatest national demonstration which has been witnessed in Scotland this year. The regatta was vastly improved, both in point of prize and competitors, from the regatta of last year. The regatta was held between crews from Loch Lomond, Glasgow, Stirling, and other places on the Forth, the Loch Lomond boat carrying off the lion's share of honour. In the park, which was again kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. J. Gordon, of Carnoustie, the scene was brilliant in the extreme. From ten to twenty yards of the well on the river, dense crowds continued to pour down the banks of the river. Upwards of 12,000 persons, it is computed, were on the ground, including all the *dile* for miles around, and the grand stand presented a brilliant scene. The games commenced at 1 p.m., and the liberal programme lent by the committee had the effect of bringing out almost every athlete of any note in Scotland to compete for the prizes. Russell, of Crofthead, won the vaulting and running high leap; Donald Dinne, the *champion*, the tossing of the pole; while Robert McKinnis, of *Whyle*, ran away with the mile prize from a dozen opponents. The chief feature of the day, however, was the 300 yds handicap, for which thirteen of the best sprinters in the kingdom came forward. The race was run off in style, and the contest was between T. Gibbons, D. Shannon, and R. McKinnis, was, owing to the celebrity of the men watched with more than the usual interest. When the pistol was fired, Shannon, who was the favourite, jumped off with the lead, and carried on the running at a tremendous pace, closely followed by Gibbons and McKinnis. All within twenty yards of the well, when he stumbled a little, and Gibbons, watching the opportunity, came with a rush inside, and, by a desperate effort, just lauded himself in front of Shannon by a bare yard. McKinnis being about three yards in the rear. The sports terminated with a double race, but out of four athletes entered, only one completed the requisite distance. Of the other three, one lay down, rolled over, and brayed; another bolted into the middle of the course, and threw his rider; while the fourth went once round, and then dived into the door through which he had entered. We may add that Mr. Thomson, of *Whyle*, and Mr. Smith, of *Orchil* View, officiated as judges, while Mr. A. Allen, of Glasgow, and Mr. Robert Barr, of Falkirk, acted as starters and general superintendents in the ring. The weather was very fine, and no accident of any kind occurred during the day to mar the pleasure attending the proceedings.

DALKETH GYMNASIUM GAMES.—These annual games took place on Saturday in a large field at Thorobank, near Dalketh, belonging to Mr. James Wilson, of Winton, where a large number of spectators, and the proceedings were witnessed by a large number of spectators. The games were well contested by the competitors. The proceedings were enlivened by a band of pipers, who performed a selection of popular Scottish airs. Mr. James Wilson, of Winton, and Mr. Richard Aitken, of *Whyle*, officiated as judges, and their decisions gave general satisfaction.

DENNY SCOTTISH GAMES.

A series of Scottish games for Denny, which is intended to be annual, was inaugurated on Saturday, in a park a little to the east of the town, and proved thoroughly successful. The weather was threatening in the early part of the day, but shortly after the proceedings commenced it cleared up, and the sun shone out till the close of the competitors. The first of the competitors, who took all the chief throwers of the disc in the district, with one or two from a distance. The games commenced at one o'clock, and were superintended by Mr. Alexander Dunlop, of Glencairn House; Mr. James Cusland, banker; Mr. Benny; Mr. Thomas Mowat, Causewayhead; and Mr. Fox, of Falkirk. The various competitions were well contested, and gave the greatest satisfaction to the onlookers. Prior to the amount of £34 were given.

The following were the successful competitors:—

Quoting in Pairs.—The first and second prizes to be divided equally between John Wilson, Bonnybridge; John Adam, jun.; William Kirkwood; and John Adams, sen., Haggis. The third and fourth prizes to be divided equally between Alexander Grosart, and George Scott, Linlithgow; Alexander Rae, Kinnaird; and Robert Rankine, Stenhousemuir.

200 Yards Handicap.—1st, Gavin Tait, Douglas; 2nd, Donald Dinne, Aboyne; 3rd, Forbes Marshall, Bathgate.

Boys' Race.—Fourteen runners.—1st, Robert Ferguson, Carronvale; 2nd, James Walker.

Standing High Leap.—1st, Gavin Tait; 2nd, Thomas Russell, Crofthead.

Open Mile Race.—1st, Forbes Marshall; 2nd, Walter Walker, Oumbornald.

Running High Leap.—Donald Dinne and Thomas Russell—equal.

Volunteer Race.—Confined to the Denny Company of Volunteers.—1st, John Russell; 2nd, James Lapsley; 3rd, Joseph Dyer.

Racing with the Pole.—1st, Thomas Russell; 2nd, Donald Dinne.

County Mile Race.—1st, Robert Maxwell, Denny; 2nd, William Bruce, Falkirk; 3rd, William Aitken, Cannelton.

Tossing the Caber.—1st, Donald Dinne; 2nd, James Paton, Murthly.

Boys' Half-mile Handicap.—1st, Robert Ferguson; 2nd, William Bruce; 3rd, James Walker.

600 Yards Handicap.—1st, Gavin Tait; 2nd, John Beaby, Carlisle; 3rd, D. McDonald, Edinburgh; 4th, Forbes Marshall.

Bagpipe-playing.—1st, P. McKinnis, Stirling; 2nd, Robert Allan, Bridge of Allan.

400 Yards Hurdle Race.—1st, Gavin Tait; 2nd, John Beaby; 3rd, Forbes Marshall.

Handicap Highland Flieg.—1st, John McNeil, Edinburgh; 2nd, James Paton.

Hitch-and-Kick.—1st, Thomas Russell; 2nd, Gavin Tait.

200 Yards Race Backwards.—Forbes Marshall, Thomas Russell, and James Wright, equal.

Throwing the Hammer.—1st, Donald Dinne; 2nd, James Paton; 3rd, Alexander Goodwin, Stonehouse.

Throwing the Ball.—1st, Donald Dinne; 2nd, James Paton.

Dancing Highland Reels.—1st, John McNeil; 2nd, James Paton; Hop, Stop, and Leap.—Gavin Tait; 2nd, Thomas Russell.

Sword Dance.—John McNeil.

Sack Race.—1st, Forbes Marshall; 2nd, Thomas Russell.

QUOITS.

LINDSAY AND STEWART FOR £100.  
The two best quoit players, namely, William Lindsay, of Perth—mat once more at Pinkerton's Green, Old Dalmeirck-road, Glasgow, on Saturday, to play a game of 61 shots, 21 yards distance, soft clay ends, for the stake of £100. The parties played for a fortnight ago, Lindsay proving the victor. Stewart's friends, after his conquest over Letham, made the present match, and articles were soon drawn up, and the £100 deposited with Mr. George Wallace, spirit merchant, Glasgow-Street. At half-past one o'clock, the game began, with Stewart leading off, and for the first five heads he scored 7; Lindsay then broke, and in the sixth and seventh made 2 each time. A was again added to Stewart the next three heads. At the twentieth head Lindsay had brought his score up to 13 for Stewart's 15. At the twenty-fourth "peels" was shouted out, each standing 16, an announcement given with vociferous applause. The score of 18 for Lindsay, 24 for Stewart, at the thirty-second head; from this to the forty-fifth Stewart played wonderfully good, making a score of 9 at one time without a single break, and stood 34 for Lindsay's 23. At this stage of the game Stewart's party offered him to play the main game, and the odds were taken whenever a cry to that effect was made; in fact, a few hundred pounds were invested at this juncture. The next five heads Lindsay makes 7; at the fifty-sixth "peels" is the cry, each being 36. Lindsay now leads, and at the sixtieth head stands 41 for Stewart's 35. Stewart again plays well, and at the sixty-seventh he has scored 47 for his opponent's 42. "Peels" at the seventy-fourth, 49 for each, at the seventy-sixth 50, seventy-eighth 51, eighty-fourth 55. The next head Stewart sends one of his quoits nearly against the pin, but it sinks into the clay, while Lindsay's quoit goes past the pin and strikes slightly over. To get a proper party who understood the game to measure, without being interested in the way of the bet, is impossible; each party wrangles, Stewart wants a draw for the shot, while Lindsay maintains that the shot is his, and thus they "quibbled" till darkness put an end to the game.

NEWCASTLE.

JESMOND FIELD HOUSE, Saturday, Sept. 16th.—A quiet contest came off on the ground today between Thomas Craig, of the Low Fell, and William Lambert, of Windy Nook, 61 points up, 38 quoits, for £10 a side. The match, which was keenly contested, was viewed with great interest by several hundreds of spectators. Lambert had the call at first, but the unexpected state of the game early on brought Craig into play, and he played the match with great precision and judgment, was unfortunate. Craig counted 14 to 2, and as may be reckoned on he was proud of his achievement. Lambert now got the lead, and he played with so much coolness and regularity that he had almost reached his opponent's 23rd shot. A really splendid game followed, and the result, both counted, was 38 for Craig, and 36 for Lambert. Craig showed some fine play, and ultimately won the game by seven points. Craig was dissatisfied, and a second match for £10 is on the tapis.

FENHAM PARK GROUND, Monday, Sept. 18th.—J. Grey, of Windy Nook, and A. Harrison, of *Whyle*, played the match on Saturday and played their match off for £30, 14 yds, 61 shots up. There was a monster attendance. Grey had the call, and he justified the confidence of his friends. He showed a series of good points, and his calculation was also commendable. Harrison, of whom good things were expected, got very badly forward, and he lost the game by 25 shots.

MATCH FOR £20.—Robert Simpson and Alexander Henderson (The Twister), both of Glasgow, play on Saturday, the 1st prox., for £10 a side, at Mr. McGaw's Green, Paisley-road, Glasgow. This will be the third time these men have competed this year. The two previous occasions each won a game.

SWIMMING.

MATCHES TO COME.

16.—Her Swimming Club—Annual Entertainment at the Lambeth Baths.

18.—Thames Rowing Club—Matches at Lambeth Baths.

LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING MATCH IN THE THAMES.

The above event took place on Saturday last and resulted in the victory of Wood, of Ruislip. For our own parts we cannot see what end the London Swimming Club had in view in offering a medal (or £5 in specie) for this exhibition. It certainly was not up to anything as a sample of fine swimming, it could not be called rapid progress through water, there were no difficulties to contend with, and the only thing possible to be proved was, who of all the entries had the greatest taste for Thames water. The laziest man, not the best swimmer, won the prize, and he had to traverse the distance with the same men, the end in view being the quickest to win, we have no hesitation in saying that those who gave in would have kept up and a result widely dissimilar have resulted. The following were the names of those who contended:—Frederick Pock, Charles Whyte, William Adams, W. Avis (of Coventry), E. A. Paxton, G. J. Jarratt, W. Wood, J. Slade, A. Chaine, O. Williams, E. Rowley, R. Cooper, C. Powell, F. Beckwith, and W. Payton. A boat containing an umpire was told off for each three competitors, to see that the conditions of the match were not infringed, and also as a precautionary measure, in case of any of them being seized by cramp. The first start was made, and the number of competitors was diminished by men giving up, a boat accompanied each one. The start took place from Teddington Lock, from boats

placed across the river in line with the tail of the lock. The men of course were stripped to their slight bathing drawers. All took the water together, about five minutes to three o'clock, some diving head first and coming up several yds in their course down stream, others jumping in feet first. The general result was a slight victory, named Avis, room showed in front, heading the rest of the competitors, and improving their position for the first half mile every stroke. Young Avis, who had come all the way from Coventry to measure his strength against the metropolitans, swam well. After a short rest he swam away from Beckwith, who, not putting out his strength, was challenged by Whyte, the next competitor, and fell back into the third place, which he retained, swimming easily until E. Pie Island was reached, twenty-five minutes after the start, when he gave up. His example in this respect was followed by others, until the number was considerably diminished. At Richmond the order was—Young Avis, leading nearly a quarter of a mile; Whyte coming next, followed by Adams, Powell, Pock, Wood, and Rowley. Between Richmond and Kew Adams and Powell gave in and retired from the contest. The others swam on to Twickenham, where Young Avis's strength gave out, and he was carried ashore to the Ship. The race now lay between Whyte, Wood, and Rowley. Pock having given up about the same time as Avis. Whyte had a fine lead, and from his being in the habit of bathing all the year round in the Serpentine, he was considered capable of beating cold, and of chance was far ahead, and was exceedingly good. Wood, of Huddersfield, though far in the rear, was swimming strongly, and being far the fastest of the competitors, had a great deal in his favour. Whyte, on the contrary, was exceedingly weak, and therefore likely to fall soon. Before the long haul, Pock, Adams, and half a mile in the Middlesex of Strand-on-the-Green, Wood was seized with cramp, and had to call for assistance, but before it could be rendered he recovered himself, and went on again as gamely as ever. Before reaching the Railway Bridge at Barnes Whyte was Wood had the race to himself; the former was far ahead, but when about half a mile on the Hammersmith side of the bridge his powers gave out, and he was got ashore in a fainting condition, after swimming between seven and eight miles, and being in the water three hours and twenty minutes. Wood, who was still strong, came gallantly up, and after passing about twenty yds beyond where Whyte was being rubbed on the bank, was hailed by the referee as the winner. Being towed to the shore he had strength enough to walk up unassisted and dress himself.

NEWCASTLE.

Under the direction of Professor William Walker a series of swimming contests are announced to come off at the Northumberland Baths, this (Saturday) afternoon, commencing at 3.30 o'clock precisely. The half holiday movement has prompted Professor Walker to provide the treat, and we wish that his efforts to keep swimming fully before the public should be successful. Professor Walker is a careful tutor, and an accomplished swimmer, and parents should witness this entertainment to be aware of the fact if they are not so already. The inaugural race will be for youths under 16 years of age, for a silver cup, two lengths of the bath. The second will be a handicap for a massive silver cup, open to all, for four lengths of the bath. Entrance one shilling, which will be paid to second man. A silver cup will be given for youths under 14 years of age, two lengths. Silver prizes will also be awarded for long-living, standing plunger, and silver pegs, but these will be given by the Swimming Club will contend for prizes given by the club master. Prizes, a child only nine years of age, this year's pupil of Professor Walker, will swim 30 lengths of the Plunge Bath, which is 100 feet in length. This little fellow is a real prodigy, and should certainly be seen. Mr. Walker next will give a valuable exhibition, which we have not before fully described. Diving for money will wind up the gala. The band of the Oxford Music Hall will be in attendance. We expect a bumping attendance. The excellence of the programme warrants such a supposition. The friends of Mr. Walker will doubtless be gratified to learn that he has rented a snug little crib formerly occupied by Mr. Hogan, in Northumberland-street, Newcastle, only three doors from the Star Hotel, the hostelry of Mr. James Baird. Mr. Walker will dispense good things in the shape of wines, ales and cigars, and we are sure that the party will be a most enjoyable one. We last week forgot to mention that little Walter Bagnall, whose portrait we gave, was a pupil of Mr. Walker's. That gentleman has turned off some splendid swimmers, little Walter being amongst the foremost.

BON-ACCORD SWIMMING CLUB.

(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

Aberdeen, 19th Sept. 1865.

Dear Sir,—I was somewhat startled on reading the report of our aquatic sports of Saturday the 9th inst., as recorded in your paper by the Aberdeen special correspondent.

I do not for a moment suppose that it was done with the intent to harm us.

But to allow such an assertion to be circulated and pass without contradiction, would most certainly be to admit its truth.

It will not yet be obvious to the public that what is stated, neither did Mr. McFarlane, the Swimming Master, who sat close by my side, in the Life Boat, when the divers undressed themselves.

I also declare that I never heard of anything of the kind being seen by any of the public, and no man would venture to say that he had.

If such an exposure of persons had been exhibited before so many spectators I calculate I would have had a hornet's nest about my ears, long before your friend could have sent you his ridiculous postscript.

My mention for his information that reporters of local papers were present, and that they had to observe the like what he had seen, eyes picked out, but perhaps they may be less clear in vision than he appears to be.

I now, with the consent of the four competitors, give him liberty, if he seems it requisite, after this (my contradiction) of his statement, to mention the gentleman's name, and to state that he evidently knows already by sight, for he quotes "we didn't name him."

I cannot but also notice that he pointedly mentions, in the first part of his remarks, that a goodly number of the fair sex were present, and he wonders what brazen material the man was made of, that he could so coolly stand up in a perfect state of nudity and put on his rights openly in their gaze. To my idea, and I presume, that of any other reasonable judging person, this is to colour the picture, to the laws of decency all the more vivid.

Our exceedingly sorry to be thus called upon to contradict your correspondent in his reports, but to every question there are two sides, so I have now stated mine, with the permission of the parties called in question, and I leave the readers to decide for themselves as to the right and true side. Trusting that you will give this a corner in your paper.—I remain, Dear Sir, yours respectfully,

JOHN BAILLIE,

Secretary of the Bon-Accord Swimming Club.

[We are exceedingly sorry that any misapprehension or misrepresentation of our correspondent's report should have been made, and we leave him to justify or withdraw his remarks.—Ed. I.S.N.]

CANINE.

NEWCASTLE.

FENHAM PARK.—Mr. Hall's bitch, and Mr. Henton's bitch, Wasp ran 200 yards on Saturday last, for £20, Wasp having 4 yards allowed on the score of size. Betting 2 to 1 on Meg. The race was a splendid one. As soon as the pistol was fired the dogs bounded along at a fine pace and Wasp looked every inch a winner until the last few strides, when Meg passed her and won an exciting match by the short distance of half her own length.

POLLY AND SKIP.—On Saturday there was a fair attendance at the Victoria Race Grounds, Leeds, to witness the 200 yds race between Mr. Sutton's Polly, and J. Collinson's Skip, both hailing from the neighbourhood of Leeds, and both of the Dowry-breed. There was a moderate number of betting at odds on the event. The dogs made a moderate even start, and the race was ultimately won by Polly, leading about 3 yds the first.











## PARTRIDGE SHOOTING.

Everybody knows the story of the Frenchman, who, after paying a visit to an English country-house, declared that the first question which was asked by the host each morning was, "What shall we kill to-day?" There is probably no other nation under the sun which can take the keen genuine interest in sport that your true-born Briton does. The Frenchman, with his gay, frivolous nature, has a passion for the theatre, the opera, or the ball. Give the German his pipe and his beer, and you satisfy the philosophic mind of the countryman of Kant and Hegel. Ask either the Frenchman or the German to trudge through the stubble with you on a brilliant day in September, with the thermometer at 80°, for the express end and purpose of slaughtering certain small birds, which are afterwards to be cooked and eaten with a certain compound called "bread-sauce," he would shrug his shoulders and declare that none but a madman could waste his time upon so foolish an amusement. And so it is with all our genuine British sports. The tropical heat of Valencia is not too great to prevent Anglo-Indians from forming amongst themselves a cricket club; but a Frenchman is so constituted as to be absolutely unable to comprehend the interest which twenty-two rational beings can find in hitting or running after a round piece of leather at the risk of a sunstroke or a black eye. And we were told the other day, that when an English eleven was tempted to visit Hombourg, whilst nothing could exceed the hospitality with which they were received, yet the German mind was so evidently unable to master the niceties of the thoroughly English game of cricket, that it was considered quite sufficient to provide one "wicket" for four matches. The Englishman's love of sport, indeed, sometimes leads him into strange absurdities. He has a perverse way of thinking that sport can never be out of place; and we remember to have heard of one of our countrymen, who, upon being asked whether, during his stay at Rome, he had visited one of the most famous of its picture galleries, replied that he had never been able to find time to do so, as a pack of hounds in the neighbourhood met on the only day in the week when the pictures in question were visible.

But if a love of sport in general appears to us to be essentially a peculiarity of the Briton, partridge-shooting in particular is perhaps of all forms of sport the most British. Its popularity of course is in great measure due to the readiness with which it can be obtained by sportsmen of all classes. Hunting is accessible only to good incomes, unless one happens to be a farmer; and a salmon river in Norway, a moor in Scotland, or a pheasant preserve, are luxuries to be purchased only by those who have at once both time and money at their disposal. Partridge shooting, on the other hand, has been called the sport of the middle classes. It is true, indeed, that the Duke of Omnium and Sir Simon Nugget can command their manors in Norfolk, and their staff of keepers, and be gratified, as the result of the expenditure which all this machinery involves, by slaughtering such a locust-bomb of birds, as dwarfs into insignificance the small but well-earned bag of Neighbour Hodge, who thinks he has done a good day's work if he has brought home his seven or eight brace. But, after all, this is but a question of degree, and we doubt whether Hodge has not the greater pleasure of the two. He at any rate has the satisfaction of knowing that he owes to his own individual exertions all the hard won results. As a consequence of this accessibility of partridge shooting to all sportsmen, it follows that few sports are more calculated to encourage reasonable social intercourse between the various degrees of society. Take, for instance, the case of the clergy; as regards them, partridge shooting appears to us to occupy that "debatable land" which lies between the defined limits of "clerical" and "secular" amusements. Many a good soul who considers a "hunting parson" only one degree better than "the scarlet woman" (the

colour of a foxhunter's coat probably suggesting the comparison), will have no inconsiderable scruples as she sits with good relish the partridge which she owes to the gun and courtesy of her rector. A bishop, who was a great stickler for clerical proprieties, once summed up in two lines his warning to his clergy against secular pursuits:—

"Hunt not, cricket not, shoot not,

"Dance not, fiddle not, date not."

We have always thought the advice more witty than wise; and, as his Lordship wrote before the days of croquet, we are at a loss to comprehend what reservation he would have been able to make to "the Cloth." Of one thing we are sure: that Father "Turnit," who has given his

"spiritual pastor and master" a day's walk over his land in search of partridges, will not on that account listen with any less reverence or attention to the sermon next Sunday.

There is another point which must not be forgotten in considering the great popularity of partridge-shooting, and that is the season at which the sport begins. This is the holiday time of the year. London is empty; everybody who can leave town is away; and the dandy, who, during the months of June and July, might have been seen sporting himself in Rotten-row, or "swelling" it in Regent-street, in an attire which a butterfly might envy, is a dandy no longer; but is content to appear in a knickerbocker suit and a pair of shooting-boots, and, truth to tell, is as effective amongst the birds as the

veriest chivalron. The Park and the Mall are to a certain number of Englishmen, necessary resorts to be endured for a certain time in each year; but horses they are fain to be, and it requires no great effort to shake off the slough of dandyism, and display true English blood and lasting among the stubbles. Then again, September is the time which is chosen by hard-working Urbans to lock up his chambers, and to pay a visit to his friend Rusticus, in certain confidence that, if the "ineffectual fire" of his breach-loader will scarcely do more than frighten the unhardened "Frenchman," he will return to his labours with a complexion from which he might sigh in vain amidst the stifling streets of London, and, above all, with muscles and energies alike braced up for the toils to which he is condemned, for eleven months out of the twelve. What matters it to him that he scarce knows a partridge from a blackbird? He toils on, if he is worth anything, on every "outside best," and bears with the greatest fortitude the frequent complaints of more experienced Rusticus, that he will not work his corners. If friend Urbanus is wise, he will not be offended by the constant cry of his next neighbour, to "give him the other barrel." Let him rest assured that the advice is as wisely given as it is kindly intended. He will miss probably with the "left," as he has already missed with the "right," but he will return, if not "a wiser and a better," at any rate a healthier man, than when he left Lincoln's-inn or Lombard-street.

There is nothing like partridge-shooting to prove a man's temper; nothing that we know of is so calculated to call forth all the queer turns and twistings of human character. In no other pursuit is the old Roman's wise advice more entirely applicable:—

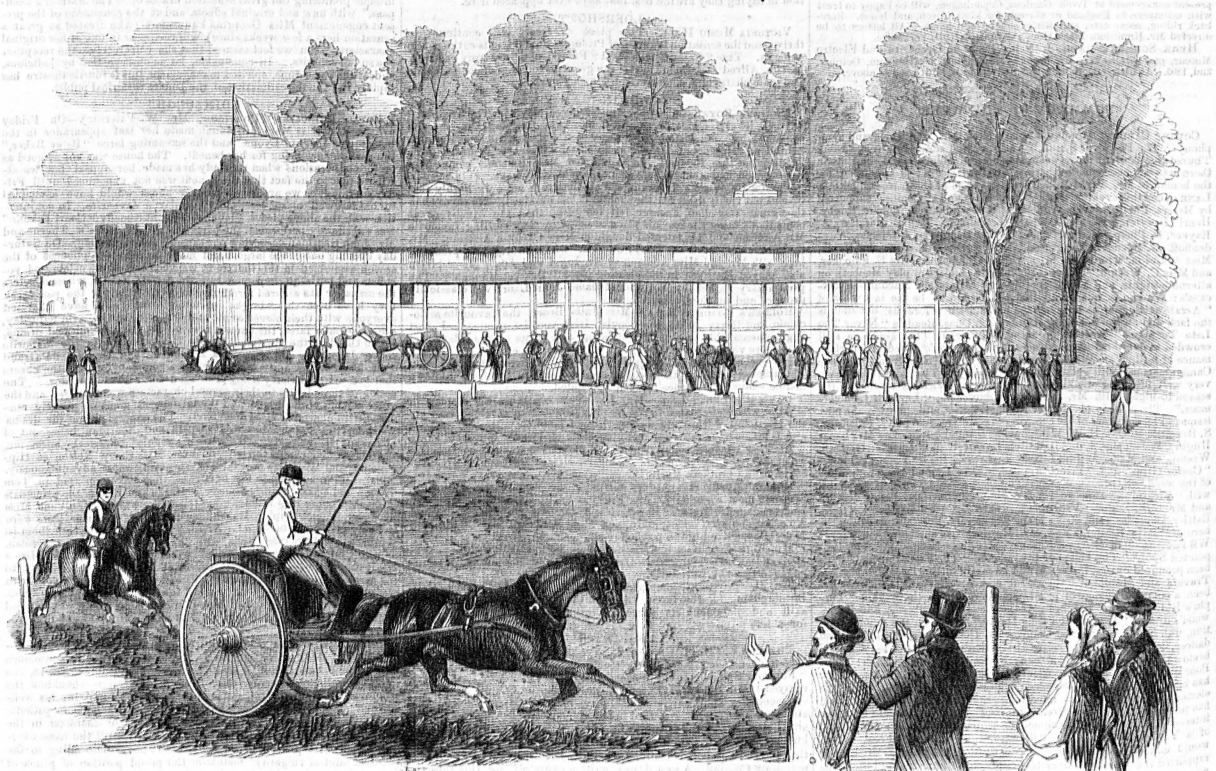
"Aquam memento rebus in arduis

Servare metum."

It is proving enough to a man of the most placid nature, after hours of patient toil, to see the glorious covey, upon which he has reckoned to make up his too scanty bag, fly away a hundred yards in front of him with an exasperating whirr of derision. As for the bad-tempered man, under such circumstances, he is delighted if he can find sufficient fault with his dog to warrant the infliction of a thrashing; or, forgetting a certain well-worn proverb about a bad workman, he will take refuge in abusing the make or the shape of his gun. Retribution will follow with no halting step; for, to one, our irascible friend will earn for himself the jeers of his companions by disgracefully missing his very next shot. This, however, may be the right to be rather the moralist's view of the subject. Looking at the matter, then, with the eyes of a sportsman, let it not be supposed that one partridge shooter resembles every other partridge shooter. Verily they differ as much, as "one star differs from another star in glory." First, of course, there is the broad division of the whole class of partridge shooters into "good shots" and "bad shots." Urbanus must, at present, be ranked in the latter category. Yet let him not despair; patience, perseverance and an energetic expenditure of powder will entitle him, next year to the dignity of an "inside best." And even in this, the year of his novitiate, he may possibly enjoy the proud



CHARLES DICKENS, The World-Famed Novelist.



THE NOVEL TROTTING MATCH AT CREMORNE ON SATURDAY LAST.



## POULTRY AND PIGEONS.

## FORTHCOMING POULTRY SHOWS.

## SEPTEMBER.

27—Lichfield. Sec. Mr. W. Tomkinson, Newcastle, Staffordshire. Entries close August 25th.

## OCTOBER.

5—Farnworth (Lancashire). Sec. Mr. W. Moss. Entries close September 23.

4, 5—Calne. Sec. Mr. James Stone, Calne, Wilts. Entries close September 25.

5—Oswestry. Sec. Mr. John Hiles, Victoria-road, Oswestry. Entries close September 21.

11—Long Sutton, Lincolnshire. Hon. Sec. Mr. George Clarke, Long Sutton; Mr. H. Snaithall, Gadsby. Entries close September 30th.

31—Collingham. Hon. Sec. Mr. W. H. C. Oates. Entries close October 17.

## NOVEMBER.

28 to 30—Birmingham. Sec. Mr. J. B. Lythall, 13, Temple-street, Birmingham. Entries close November 1st.

28 and 30—Hampshire Ornithological Association (Southampton), (cage birds, poultry, pigeons, pheasants, and rabbits). Hon. Sec. Mr. Philip Warren. Entries close November 10th.

30 and December 1—Brighton. Hon. Sec. Mr. Edward Carpenter, 96, St. James's-street, Brighton. Entries close November 4.

satisfaction of "wiping the eye" of the Nestor of the field—the man who "does not know how to miss." Of all sensations, surely none is more exquisitely delightful. It must be pleasant to young Nimrod to "show the way" over a stiff hunting country; and we can quite imagine the keen delight with which a fisherman lands the finest salmon of the year after an exciting struggle of an hour and a half. But we will maintain that there is no greater pleasure in life than to "wipe the eye" of a sportsman who loves to tell you that "he has forgotten more than you ever knew" about partridge shooting. How mightlinger over the infinite varieties and subdivisions of the species; the "jealous" shot, who is a stickler for the etiquette of the sport, and loses his temper if poor Urbans, in his innocent ignorance, does at what is "my bird, sir!" or the "snap" shot, who wins such hurrahs when the birds are wild; or the "careless" shot, who is a terror to his friends, and the object of many a frantic entreaty to keep the muzzle of his gun well up! Let it not be thought by any envious reader that the pleasure is unmixt with any alloy. Partridge shooting has its bitters as much as everything else in life.

"Medi de fono lepore."

"Sargit smarti aliquid."

It is not the most enjoyable time in the world to be compelled to listen to the boring lament of your "dead shot" over the bird he failed to kill in "Four Acres." For our own part, we think that Urbans is a pleasant companion, though he is sure to let you know the amount of his bag, and tell you how, when, and where the one solitary victim of his gun met his fate, the single result probably of a most unportant "blaze" into a covey, the mangled remains of what was once a partridge, and is now a "terror to the cook." Yet, if all this way of the sportsman are not "ways of pleasantness," at the end of the day he finds an abundant compensation in the keen edge which his ten hours' trudge has given to his appetite.

Then it is that, over a bottle of port which has been fetched from the squire's choicest bin, he "fights his battles o'er again," and tells many a wondrous tale of Smith, who had the "best dog in England," or Robin, who was the quickest "snap shot" ever known. Beside Urbans sits there listening with marvellous intemperance, and drinking in the magic utterances which fall from the lips of the sporting oracle. Some days when his hand is steadier and his bag greater, he too will not be wanting in stories of prowess among the stubbles.

We have already stated our belief that the man who can stand without undue fatigue a good week of still walking through turnips or mangold, needs no Esculapian. If he loves nature, he will not often have a richer treat than he may find in the soft beam of a September morning, when the fairy gossamer spreads its glistening silver web over every blade, and the varying tints of autumn gleam out rich and bright from the hedges. But after all, we fancy that there is something more to be found in partridge shooting than even health of body or beauty of scene. There are certain qualities of mind which have had as much to anything to do with English property; and we know of nothing better calculated to encourage that spirit of perseverance and dogged determination, upon which Englishmen are wont to pride themselves, than a hard day "upon the stubbles."—*London Review.*

## MOORS AND FORESTS, PERTSHIRE.

The large number of birds which have been killed since the season opened has now told considerably, but so far as we can ascertain, there is no complaint of a scarcity of game. It is evident, however, that grouse shooting will now only be pursued at intervals, as the birds have on some hills become so wild that they have already taken to the higher hills. Lord Ravensworth was out on Friday, but having become indisposed, he was obliged to return home, and we are happy to learn that this distinguished sportsman is again better. Sir Edwin Landseer and the Hon. Mr. Ludlow M.P., made a good bag of wild ducks, but did not do much otherwise. A large quantity of hares have been recently bagged at some of our hunts—a system of sports which is much in favour of the keener sportsmen. Altogether, the first week of the shooting season, with the exception of stalking, is now past. The partridge covers, indeed, are yielding well, and the birds this year are so wild that they afford unusually fine shooting to crack hands. A number of the sportsmen are expected to return to their lodges shortly, and these gentlemen hope to make good bags on moor and partridge covers.

## DEER STALKING.

Our correspondent sends us the following note from Gaick forest, in Badminton:—"In consequence of a protracted attack of rheumatism, my gun is late in the season before Lord Lifford, the esteemed possessor of this picturesque estate, was able to come to the North. Since Lord Lifford's arrival, however, his health has considerably improved, though, as yet, he is scarcely in a fit state for undergoing the severe fatigue attendant on deer stalking in such rugged scenery as that of Gaick. In the forest his lordship has been out three times, and was successful in bringing down two stags in the course of a few hours each day. Both stags and grouse are now plentiful here this season for several years past, and the birds are now getting strong, and, owing to the boisterous winds of the past week, wild, and difficult to get within range of. There is no appearance of disease."—*Elphinstone.*

GAME IN THE SOUTH OF DEVON.—The present season in the south of Devon is the best that has been known for many years. Partridges are plentiful, particularly on the estates of the Duke of Somerset, at Bovey, the Earl of Devon, at Powderham, Lord Churston, at Churston, Lord Clifford, at Ugbrooke, Sir Walter Carver, at Hacombe, Sir Lawrence Palk, at Haldon, and Sir Evelyn Newman, at Manthel. There are, however, very shy, and strong on the wing. Pheasants and quail are also plentiful, and in good condition, and there is every reason to believe that there will be a good shooting season.



D. MORRIS, the Well-Known London Athlete.

## DECEMBER.

22, 23—North British Columbian Society (Glasgow). Hon. Sec. Mr. James Ruthven, 67, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

## JANUARY, 1866.

1, 2—Aberdeen. Sec. J. Groubie, Chambers, 3, Queen-street.

3, 4—Cork and South of Ireland (poultry, pigeons, and cage birds). Hon. Sec. Mr. J. C. Perry, 14, Patrick-street, Cork.

10, 11—West Cumberland and North of England (Whitehairs). Sec. Mr. Edward Fearon, Whitehaven.

## LEIGH (LANCASHIRE) POULTRY EXHIBITION.

It gives much pleasure to record the entire success of the Poultry Show held this year at Leigh, as on the last two annual occasions, the meetings held under the guidance of this Committee were accompanied by weather so wet and unpropitious, that such repeated disappointments would have entirely damped the ardour of most societies of a like nature; but so, however, at Leigh, bad weather seemed only to redouble the efforts of the managers to secure success, and we rejoice to state that the meeting of last week has fully gratified the most ardent well-wisher among them. Former meetings have been held under a tent, provided expressly for the accommodation of both visitors and poultry, and of course resulted in thronging, more or less severe; but on the present occasion the tent was altogether dispensed with, and an awning of woodwork was thrown over both the public and poultry, giving perfect security from wet. The pens too were spacious and convenient, and the poultry as assiduously attended to as the most anxious owner could desire. The change of ground also now made for holding this show is obviously a step in the right direction, showing a vast improvement, which will be continued at the future meetings of this Society. Everything augurs well for coming shows, and doubtless

the Leigh Poultry Exhibitions will rank highly among those of coming years in Lancashire. In short, the Committee have proved themselves well worthy of public support, and we are glad they have so well succeeded. The Show was opened to all England, the competition, however, except in two or three instances, being restricted to birds of the present year.

The classes of young Game fowls were really good, and the competition exceeded expectation; still Mr. John Halliwell, of Ince, near Wigan, managed to monopolize quite a heavy sweep of premiums. This gentleman's birds were shown in perfect condition, and of hatchlings so early as to ensure success among specimens so much younger. The show of Spanish fowls was excellent, and Mr. Cook, of Clowbent, exhibited birds very hard to beat at any meeting. With the exception of the prize birds, the Cocks were not pretentiously, though Brahmans were both numerous and excellent. We cannot speak so highly of the Dorking classes as we anticipated, but as the specimens exhibited were very young we will yet improve considerably. In Hamburgh the Leigh Show was particularly good, and the Poland class was equal to any seen for years past. The Single Game cocks, the cockerels, and again, the Single Game pullet classes were not so fine a feature of the Exhibition as they would have been a month hence, after the birds had done moulted, still some very excellent specimens were shown. The Ducks, Geese, and Turkeys were exceedingly good and well shown, nor were these really useful varieties crushed into a corner, as is too frequently the case, as though worthless, but enjoyed the same advantages as every other variety of poultry shown. The weather being brilliant and settled, the Show was thronged with visitors from 10 a.m. until midnight, and consequently proved a decided success.

Game Chickens (Black-breasted Red).—First, and second, J. Halliwell, Ince, near Wigan. Highly commended, W. Guilford, Mill Brook, Bootle, near Liverpool.

Game Chickens (Brown Red).—First, R. Cuddeon, Stoneclough, near Manchester. Second, J. Wood, Moat House, Haigh. Highly commended, P. West, Abram, near Wigan.

Duckwing (Game).—First and second, J. Halliwell, Ince, near Wigan. Highly commended, J. Eaves, Knowsley, Lancashire; R. Cuddeon, Stoneclough.

Spanish Chickens (White-faced).—First and second, N. Cooke, Rose Hill, Chorley.

Cochin Chickens (Buff).—First, C. Sedgwick, Riddalton Hall, Keighley. Second, A. Bamford, Tonge-lane, near Middleton.

Cochin Chickens (Any other colour).—First, B. Wood, Brinsall Hall, Chorley. Second, Withfield.

Brahma Foots Chickens. —First, B. Lacey, Lacey House, near Hebden-bridge. Second, E. Leech, Gravehouse, Rochdale.

Dorking Chickens. —First, E. Shaw, Plas Wilnot, Oswestry. Second, S. Farrington, Chalmers, near Warrington.

Hamburgh Chickens (Golden-pencilled).—First and second, T. Rigley, jun., Tonge, Middleton, near Bolton. Highly commended, J. Morris, Boat Yard, Dick Mather's-bridge, Leigh.

Hamburgh Chickens (Silver-pencilled).—First, J. Platt, Dean, near Bolton. Second, A. Nuttall, Mill End, Newchurch, near Manchester.

Hamburgh Chickens (Golden-spangled).—Prize, Parr, Patricroft.

Hamburgh Chickens (Silver-spangled).—First, J. Fiddling, Newchurch, near Manchester. Second, E. Collings, Middleton, highly commended, J. Turner, Astley, near Manchester.

Poland Chickens (any variety).—First, S. Farrington, Chalmers, Astley. Second, P. Unsworth, Lowton, near Warrington. Highly commended, S. Farrington; T. Woodward, Leigh. Commended, P. Unsworth.

Bantam Chickens (Game).—First, R. Tate, Leeds. Second, C. W. Brierley, Middleton. Highly commended, P. Smith, Westleigh. Commended, R. Cuddeon, Stoneclough, near Manchester.

Bantam Chickens (any other variety).—First, Messrs. S. and B. Ashton, Mottram, Cheshire. Second, Withfield.

Any other distinct breed. —First, C. Sedgwick, Riddalton, Keighley. Second, H. Ormerod, Bridgefoot, Chorley.

Game Cock (any variety).—First, J. Wood, Moat House, Haigh. Second, W. Painter, Abram, near Wigan.

Game Cockerel. —First, J. Eaves, Knowsley, Lancashire. Second, P. West, Abram, near Wigan.

Game Bantam Cock (any variety).—First, R. Charlesworth, Brook Bar, Manchester. Second, R. Cuddeon.

Game Pullet (any variety).—First, A. Nuttall, Mill End, Newchurch, near Manchester. Second, J. Wood, Moat House, Haigh.

Goosings. —First, J. Southern, Culcheth, near Warrington. Second, R. Tate, Leeds.

Turkeys. —First, Messrs. R. and W. Barton, Westleigh. Second, P. Clowthorpe, Leigh.

The Judge was Edward Hewett, Esq., of Eden Cottage, Sparkbrook, near Birmingham.

## WAKEFIELD POULTRY SHOW.

The Annual Show of poultry of the West Riding Horticultural and Agricultural Society was held at Wakefield. The entries were not large, the prizes being insufficient to tempt exhibitors at a distance; but as the show proved successful we understand that it is intended to increase the amount offered for competition next year. The classes were entirely for chickens. (Game was divided into four lots, but not embraced anything requiring particular notice. The prize Buff Cocks were good, and some the Brahmans completed in the class allotted to them; but Dorkings were much the best collection, Mr. S. Pickard taking both prizes with particularly good pens. Hamburghs,







REGATTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS v. PRIORY CLUB.  
On Saturday last two elevens contended in the ground attached to this pleasant market town of Surrey. The Priory players entered first, and evinced much superiority in bowling and batting, but were overmatched by the scholastic fielding and dashing style, as the results show:—

REGATTA, PRIORYMEN.

1st inn.	2nd inn.
E. Nightingale c S. Gore b J. Gore	c and b Bray
J. Nightingale not out	b Bray
J. Allen b F. Gore	c Tupper b Bray
H. Wilbury c H. Richardson b F. Gore	
G. Gore c P. Ponsoby b Gore	c and b Bray
E. Nightingale c P. Ponsoby b Gore	c Gore b Green
F. Nightingale b F. Gore	b Bray
G. Lake b Bray	b Green
M. Webb out	b Green
T. Carruthers b Bray	1 not out
F. Cleaver c and b Gore	1 b Bray
H. Saunders b S. Gore	b Bray
Byes	Byes
Total.....93	Total.....84

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1st inn.	2nd inn.
J. H. Ponsoby c Cleaver b F. Nightingale	b Allen
E. Bray b J. Nightingale	c Barrett b J. Mantle
G. Kennedy c Carruthers b Allen	c Barrett b J. Mantle
F. O. Gore c H. Nightingale b Allen	b H. Nightingale
S. W. Gore b H. Nightingale	b H. Nightingale
H. Richardson b H. Nightingale	b H. Nightingale
C. G. Parr b H. Nightingale	not out
F. Green c J. Nightingale b H. Nightingale	not out
C. L. Tupper not out	not out
C. E. Ingram c H. Nightingale	not out
J. Richardson c Nightingale b Allen	not out
Byes, etc.	Byes
Total.....90	Total.....88

47th REGIMENT v. DRUMPELLIER.  
This match was played at DrumPELLIER on September 16, and ended in the defeat of the officers, although their bowling was all that could be wished, but the batting of Mr. Patterson and Watson was too good for them, as the following score will show. Owing to the shortness of the days, there were only one innings played. Score:—

57th REGIMENT.

1st inn.	2nd inn.
Caplain Goodall b Watson	c Isaac b Crossland
Smith b Watson	c Lawson b Crossland
Palmrich c Watson b Watson	c Watson b Crossland
Caplain Watson b Watson	c Watson b Crossland
Caplain Hutton b Watson	c Watson b Crossland
Murrie b Watson	c Watson b Crossland
Gunter b Watson	c Watson b Crossland
Crossland b Watson	c Watson b Crossland
Bryan b Watson	c Watson b Crossland
Vernon b Watson	c Watson b Crossland
Spofforth not out	c Watson b Crossland
B 1, 2, w 1, n b 1	B 1, 1 b 1, w 1, n b 1
Total.....94	Total.....109

RANELAGH O.C. v. ST. MARY'S O.C.  
This match was played at Vincent square on Saturday, 16th inst., and resulted in favour of the former by 38 runs on the first innings. Mr. P. Piper 21, and Mr. J. Rodgers 16, were both well played in on the part of the R.O.C. Scores:—

ST. MARY'S.

1st inn.	2nd inn.
Closs run out	
Barrington c Lindington b N. Piper	b Freen
Foreser c Rodgers b Freen	b Freen
Barrington b Freen	not out
Collins c Rodgers b Piper	not out
Siggers b w b Piper	not out
Hendley b N. Piper	not out
Spur b Freen	not out
Virt b Freen	not out
Stringer not out	not out
Foreser b Freen	not out
Byes 7, w 1, b 1	Byes 1, n b 1
Total.....31	Total.....7

CAMBRIDGESHIRE v. YORKSHIRE.  
This match was commenced on Thursday at Ashton-under-Lyne, and was brought to a conclusion on Saturday, the following being the result:—

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

1st inn.	2nd inn.
C. Newman b Lidstone	b J. Brown b Cattle
H. B. Sturday b Atkinson	b D. Hayward c Freeman b Lidstone
F. Smith c substitute b Lidstone	b J. Fordham b Lidstone
T. Hayward b Greenwood	b P. Reynolds not out
H. Carpenter b Cattle	b P. Reynolds not out
G. Farrant c substitute b Atkinson	b P. Reynolds not out
F. Fryer b Cattle	b P. Reynolds not out
Byes 1, b 1, w 2	Byes 1, b 1, w 2
Total.....101	Total.....91

YORKSHIRE.  
T. Brownhill c Fordham b Carpenter  
J. Freeman b Farrant  
F. Rowbotham c Pryor b Tarrant  
E. Stephenson b Reynolds  
J. Thowls run out  
H. Lidstone b Tarrant  
Dawson b Reynolds  
J. Barry b Reynolds  
G. Atkinson run out  
L. Greenwood not out  
Cattle absent  
B 1, b 1, w 2  
Total.....101

TWELVE OF ENGLAND v. TWENTY-FOUR OF TURNHAM-GREEN AND DISTRICT.  
On Saturday play in this match terminated at Turnham-green, but when the stumps were drawn at six p.m. the Turnham-green people had 176 runs to score to win, and only seven wickets to fall. Jupp (not out, 25) and T. A. Mantle resumed the play and brought the score from 115 to 196, when Jupp caught Mr. Fryer out at slip for 50, made by one four, two 3's, eight 2's, &c. Jupp was first man in, and second wicket down with the score at 156; after he left no great stay to make; Mantle was run out for 21, a good hitting innings that included a fine leg hit for 10 from Mr. Fryer, bowling and a square-leg hit for four from J. Mantle. The ball travelled a great distance in both hits. T. Humphrey hit the ball into the horse-pond, but did not play in his usual form. George Hoarne played well for 29; and Mantle played careful and good cricket in scoring his 14, not out. There was one absentee among "The Twelve," his name was Lockyer; and so the tenth wicket down finished the innings for 229. Barrett—a very tall man—was very handy at slip, whereas he caught out no fewer than four out of the 10, and it was as well he did, for a general feeling of the Turnham-green men was very green. Thompson bowled well, and very few runs were made from his bowling. The second innings of the "Twenty-four" was not a gay affair, and another half-hour's play would probably have found them defeated by upwards of 100 runs. The match is drawn. The following:—

THE ENGLAND TWELVE.

1st inn.	2nd inn.
T. Humphrey b J. Mantle	c Barrett b Thompson
Jupp b J. Mantle	c Barrett b J. Mantle
Pooley b Thompson	c Barrett b J. Mantle
T. Hoarne c R. Ford b Frere	c Barrett b Frere
Griffith b Frere	c Barrett b Thompson
Bauchamp c R. Ford b J. Mantle	run out
T. A. Mantle c Jupp b J. Mantle	run out
G. Hoarne c Southern b J. Mantle	c Clements b Frere
Mudie c Barrett b Frere	not out
John Humphrey c Leader b Frere	c Clifton b Frere
Lockyer b J. Mantle	not out
Shepherd not out	b J. Mantle
B 10, 13, w 1, n b 1	B 1, 2, w 5, n b 3
Total.....130	Total.....229

THE TWENTY-FOUR.

1st inn.	2nd inn.
Mr. Clements b Jupp	run out
Mr. Leader run out	c Jupp b T. Humphrey
Mr. Collier b Jupp	c Jupp b Mudie
Mr. Sharpe c John Humphrey b Bauchamp	c T. Hoarne b T. Humphrey
Mr. Ratford b Jupp	c Griffith b T. Humphrey
Mr. G. Jupp b Lockyer	c Pooley
Mr. Barrett c Lockyer b Mudie	c Pooley
H. Frere, Esq. c Jupp b Mudie	c T. Humphrey
Mr. Fitzgerald run out	c Mudie b T. Humphrey
L. B. Towne, Esq. b Mudie	c Mudie b T. Humphrey
Paxton c Lockyer b J. Mantle	c Jupp b M. Smith
Mr. Eydenam b T. Humphrey	c John Humphrey
Stuck c Pooley b T. Humphrey	run out
T. Thompson b T. Humphrey	not out
—Hurnam, Esq. c and b T. Hoarne	c Pooley b Mudie
W. Smith c Mudie b Humphrey	c Pooley b Mudie
J. Mantle b T. Humphrey	b Mudie
J. Smith b Lockyer	b Mudie
J. Sonthon b Jupp	b Mudie
Mr. Harrington b Lockyer	b Mudie
Mr. Adamson run out	b Mudie
Mr. Clifton not out	b Griffith
Mr. Doleworth b Lockyer	b Griffith
B 11, 12, w 8	B 3, w 1
Total.....131	Total.....58

YEOVIL GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. GREENHILL SCHOOL.  
A match was played between these clubs on the Yeovil Cricket Ground, at Pennell, on Saturday, September 9th. The following is the score:—

YEOVIL GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1st inn.	2nd inn.
J. Sampson c Seale b F. Stone	run out
T. Daman b F. Stone	c Seale
T. Hawkins run out	c Seale
J. Pring b Seale	c Seale
S. Exall c Ingram b F. Stone	c Seale
J. Thomas c Rawlings b Seale	c Seale
F. Whitty c Rawlings b F. Stone	c Seale
G. Pring c Cross b Seale	c Seale
E. Vining run out	c Seale
G. Hawkins run out	c Seale
G. Porter not out	run out
Byes 1, w b 8	Byes 1, w b 2
Total.....28	Total.....22

GREENHILL SCHOOL.

1st inn.	2nd inn.
H. Seale b T. Hawkins	c Sampson b Hawkins
S. Reed b Daman	c Sampson b Hawkins
J. Rawlings c Daman b T. Hawkins	c b J. Thomas
P. Stone b Exall	c b T. Hawkins
J. Dykes c Sampson b T. Hawkins	c b J. Thomas
G. Stone c Sampson b T. Hawkins	c b T. Hawkins
R. Meikle b T. Hawkins	c b T. Hawkins
H. Stroud b Exall	c b T. Hawkins
W. Cross not out	c b T. Hawkins
J. Reed run out	c b T. Hawkins
J. Ingram run out	c b T. Hawkins
B 1, w b 2, n b 1	Byes 7, w b 1
Total.....31	Total.....86

The return match between the tradesmen of St. James's and the "O" or St. James's division of police took place on Friday at Eaton and Middlesex Ground, Primrose Hill, when, as on the previous occasion, the police were far too good for the tradesmen, the bowling of Rosekelly and Weller being so dead on the spot that the tradesmen had no chances. The hand of the C division is tendered and their playing was much admired by a large number of persons present. At the conclusion of the match the score stood as follows:—Tradesmen 1st and 2nd innings, 59; police, 1st innings, 138.

PLYMOUTH NEW GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. NELSON HOUSE, DEVONPORT.  
The return match between the above clubs was played on the H. B. Sturday afternoon, and again resulted in favour of the former by 41 runs. The New Grammar School scored—First innings, 61; second innings, 65; of which H. Brimacombe made 23, W. H. Dinkins 4 and 17, and R. Brimacombe 10 and 4. Nelson House scored—First innings, 43; of which Jago made 7 (not out) and G. Hicks 6 and 0, and Thomas 5 and 0.

NELSON v. NORTHUMBERLAND CLUB.—A two-days match took place on Friday and Saturday between the above two clubs. Northumberland were first to the wickets, and scored 131 runs, and in their second innings 55. Kolo in their first innings scored 99, and in their second 65—the Northumberland winning the match by 22 runs. The Marquis of Downmont and Lord Charles Townes Ker played in the match, the latter making 41 runs in the second innings.

LEWES RIFLE VOLUNTEERS v. TOWN C.C.—This game was played in the Dripping Pan, Lewes, on Friday last, with following scores:—Town C.C., 124, and 51 runs in two innings; Volunteers, 48, and 98 runs.

CALEDONIAN v. CALDONIAN.—A return match was played between the first eleven of these clubs on Saturday, on the ground of the Caledonian, which resulted in a drawn game. Scores:—Caledonian, 117; Dalkeith, 51, for the loss of 4 wickets. For the Caledonian, Gruckinsman scored 57, and Finlay 14 (not out). For the Dalkeith, Taylor scored 14 (not out), and Osborne, son, 8 (not out).

RETURN v. MR. ROBERTS'S ELEVEN.—An interesting and one of the best games of cricket which has been played during the season on the Lanhrook road came off on Saturday between eleven of the Lanhrook Cricket Club and eleven selected by Mr. C. A. Roberts. The match was decided by the first innings, time not allowing it to be played out, and so resulted in the Lanhrook Club losing the game by four runs. The following is the score:—Mr. Roberts's eleven—First innings, 101. Lanhrook—First innings, 100. Mr. Roberts's eleven in the second innings scored 41, with five wickets to fall, when time was called. On the side of Lanhrook the batting of Paull, who scored 42, was excellent. Fowler also lowered six wickets of his opponents in the first innings by his bowling. On the side of Mr. Roberts, Browne scored 32.

CRICKET PICTURES FOR 1865.

1st inn.	2nd inn.
23—Cardinal—Sutton Montpelier v. Cardinal School—return	
23—At Lash, Holford Club v. Albany return	
23—Southampton—Gentlemen v. Players	
30—Sutton—Montpelier Secretary v. Treasurer	

DEATH OF MR. WESTLEY RICHARDS.  
We regret to announce the death of Mr. Westley Richards, head of the well-known firm of Westley Richards and Co., of Birmingham and London, which took place on Thursday, Sept. 14, after a long illness, at his residence at Edgbaston, in his 75th year. Deceased was the second son of the late Theophilus Richards, a merchant and silversmith of Birmingham, and after being engaged for some time with his father in the trade of a silversmith, he, in 1812, commenced business as a gun-maker. In connection with this branch of manufacture Mr. Richards was a man of great practical wisdom, as being amongst the best and most skillful members of the trade. His experience of gun making, extending over more than half a century, embraced an infinite number of changes and improvements both in military and sporting guns. To these Mr. Richards greatly contributed, not only by adopting the inventions of other ingenious men, but by his own. It may be noted that he was the first person in Birmingham to take out a licence to use Forsyth's copper cap, which superseded the old flint gun, and he lived to see even this notable invention displaced by the self-igniting ammunition of breech-loading guns. Amongst the most named clubs of weapon the name of Mr. Richards is closely associated; and, indeed, throughout England no name is better known in connection with the gun trade generally than that of Westley Richards—the mark of his firm being a guarantee for high quality, trustworthiness, and excellence of workmanship. His two sons, Mr. Westley Richards and Captain Charles Richards, are the remaining partners in the firm.

THE GARDEN.

IRON FILINGS AS A MANURE FOR ROSES AND STRAWBERRIES.

A short time ago I was informed by a lady that a friend had told her that he had found the application of iron filings, as a manure, highly beneficial to roses. Since then, in pursuing the valuable work of Mr. William Paul on "The Rose Garden," I was struck by the following remarks:—"I have long thought that the iron which abounds in the soil of one of the nurseries here is an ingredient of importance in the culture of roses." I would not say that it is indispensable, but beneficial; and am almost confident that it heightens the colour of the flowers. When the soil in this nursery is hard or forked, the rapid increase of growth of vegetation is startling beyond measure. This practice is known to promote growth in all soils; but the extent to which it does so here, I think, due to the oxygen of the air exhaled by the iron contained in the soil from a substance pernicious to vegetables life, and so favourable to it.

Turning to the catalogue of fruits published by Mr. Thomas Rivers, I observe that he says that "The British Queen Strawberry flourishes in soils in which iron abounds. Sussex is the paradise of our queen of strawberries." I know not whether the soil of Messrs. Wood's nursery, at Marshfield, in Sussex, abounds in iron, but probably it does, and hence, perhaps, the fine growth of the roses. Assuming that iron is beneficial to roses and to the British Queen Strawberry, if not to other varieties, it becomes a question whether other things may not be advantageously used either by mixing with animal manure, dug into the soil, or by top-dressing. As the season for manuring roses is rapidly approaching, it seems to be desirable that more light should, if possible, be thrown upon this matter.

When scattered iron filings on the surface of two rows of British Queen Strawberry runners, planted in July, twice during rain, and had the soil surface-hoed continually, and I intend to make the same experiment upon a few roses in the ensuing autumn, incorporating the filings with the soil, instead of strewn them on the surface—AN AMATEUR.

GREAT INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION AND CONGRESS OF 1865.

We have much gratification in announcing that Her Majesty has graciously taken this Exhibition under her patronage, and has liberally contributed the sum of £50 to the subscription list. We are glad to add that the public are responding well to the call which this committee have made, and with Her Majesty's example before them we hope that contributors will come freely forward and aid in carrying out to a successful issue an undertaking of such national importance.

THE VICTORIA PARK.

Few places of public resort in London serve their object so well as does the Victoria Park. Situated at the East end—the only place of the kind, indeed, at the East end—in the midst of a dense population, it is a most desirable daily resort for thousands of people, for whose special relaxation it was originally designed. On Sundays its appearance to a contemplative mind affords an amount of gratification which cannot be got elsewhere. In the summer months, when the shrubs and trees present in their greenest and brightest hues, when the plants and flowers are in full bloom, and everything wears the gayest dress, rarely is the number of visitors less than 100,000. Not infrequently it reaches even 150,000, and the average number we believe exceeds 120,000. It is gratifying in the extreme to have the testimony of Mr. Trevelyan (who by the way, has published an exceedingly useful guide to the botanical portion of the park), that beyond reasonable wear and tear, not a shilling's worth of damage of any kind is done throughout the whole twelve months. The character of the East end, he remarked to us, with some emphasis, was very much improved by the park, and the building of the park was also very popular, thousands of men and ladies using every morning; and on Sunday morning the number is often considerably above 100,000. Last Sunday there were over 130,000. Every kind of amusement and recreation is encouraged in the park, and every effort appears to be made by those in charge to be as interesting and as varied as possible. The London display this year has been a really more extensive, grand, and varied than ever before; every flower, plant, shrub, and tree has been labelled, in all cases where possible, with the English name, and by this means a taste for horticulture, it is to be hoped, is being encouraged and nurtured amongst that class of population to whom the opportunity of getting a sight of green fields, or "the angels' visits, low and far between."











